

# Moral And Material Advance Keep Step In All Useful Lines Of Work

## Women Of Honolulu Active In Beautifying Their City

Achievements of which any organization might well be proud, stand to the credit of the Kiloana Club and the Outdoor Circle for the year just closing. In fact, the work done by the Outdoor Circle takes high rank among the constructive movements of the city and territory.

The Outdoor Circle has been active throughout the entire year, and the result is that it has made a definite place for itself in the improvement of the city. Several plans for various sections have been successfully carried out, and now the Circle is proposing an ambitious scheme for the beautification of Palace Square which has been endorsed by the Oahu Central Improvement committee and has been the subject of much favorable criticism generally.

The activities of the club and the Circle during the year are summarized strikingly in reports read at the annual meeting of the club on October 21. Miss Frances, reported on the work of the Kiloana Art League, which had just become the Kiloana Club—in part as follows:

"The year just closed finds the Kiloana Art League still alive and with brighter prospects than for several years past. The Board of Directors have found great pleasure in working together for the welfare of the club. Our inspiration has been the belief that Honolulu has need of an organization for culture and useful purposes, and that the Kiloana Art League to Kiloana Club with subsequent broadening of its object, we believe will mark the turning point of the year.

"The most important event of the past year was the forming of the Outdoor Circle of which you will hear later from the Chairman, Mr. E. J. Lowrey. The work of this circle is the best work the league has done, although its real scope will not be fully appreciated for a number of years.

"Another important department of the club is the Art History class. The Board of Directors authorized the purchase of a few important reference books which have been a great stimulus to the study.

"The entertainments of the year opened with a reading from Rip Van Winkle by Miss Pucker with slides made by Mrs. Gilmore from Rickham's illustrations.

"The two evenings given by the Literary Circle, Miss Ermine Cross, were a great success. One was an Arnold Bennett evening, and the other an educational program in which playgrounds and the Montessori method of education were discussed.

"Mrs. Sarah Merrill gave us a very delightful talk on Jerusalem, where she lived for sixteen years.

"The Musical circle, Miss Katherine Reynolds, gave a delightful evening with modern composers at Bishop's hall which was well attended, and pronounced one of the successes of the year.

"A reception was given Mr. E. A. P. Newcomb, the vice-president, before his departure for the east.

"There was a general exhibition last November, and an effort was made to secure as many contributors as possible. The China painting from the College of Hawaii and Mrs. Perry's studio was of unusual interest. The paintings were largely from the brush of Mr. Hitchcock. Besides the general exhibit, there have been five visiting artists who have exhibited in the League rooms. Miss Withrow, Mrs. Wm. A. Fam, Mrs. Posen, Miss Anna Klemke, and Mr. Duncan Smith. What ever activities the club may assume in the future there will always be a need for an exhibition room, where visiting artists as well as local artists may exhibit their work and be introduced to the public.

**At To Club Building.**

"Whether Honolulu is ready for a large club with a suitable building, the coming year will decide. If each member would take a personal interest in the activities of the club, come forward with ideas, and stand ready to help in every way they can, Honolulu would in a short time have an active club center of which we would all be proud."

### OUTDOOR CIRCLE HAS DONE SPLENDID WORK

The report of Mrs. F. J. Lowrey, chairman of the Outdoor Circle, contained many significant facts. Mrs. Lowrey reported as follows:

"Last January the Outdoor Circle was formed, the members being Mrs. C. M. Cooke, Mrs. Henry Waterhouse, Mrs. George Sherman, Mrs. Isaac Cox and myself. Miss Kalumani Ward was appointed in March and Miss Frances Lawrence has almost always been present at our meetings and has been a most helpful, enthusiastic member of our committee. Meetings were held every Monday afternoon through the spring and summer at the homes of the members or in the districts where our work was going on.

"We were invited to Governor Frear's office for a meeting with Major General Macomb in March, and these gentlemen explained to us the plans for the improvement of various districts in the city, from the city front to the Auwahi district. Governor Frear suggested that we might make our first effort in the parking of Ala Plaza, as suggested in the report of Charles Mulford Robinson. This scheme is just now being put into shape.

"Our first venture was the planting of Ala Park, around the outer edge, with monkey pod trees and

bougainvillea along the stone walk at the river's edge. Mr. Haugh's of the government nursery very kindly planted the trees and vines and is always much interested in all our plans. Mr. Asch of the city prison has always been most interested in the work and sends the prisoners to dig holes for the trees, and he stands ready always to do all in his power to make Honolulu more beautiful. Mr. Berndt came to our assistance in collecting money to pay for the tree guards. Mr. Ralph Hosmer has impressed upon us the utter futility of planting trees in the streets or parks without strong guards. These guards cost money, and we earnestly hope all residents will be willing to pay for such guards as are necessary in front of their houses; the cost is slight for a few trees.

"In February, the Outdoor Circle was accredited to the Oahu Central Improvement Club. Mrs. Sherman and myself were the members chosen to attend these meetings. We have found much help and inspiration from them.

### Ala Plaza Parking

"In March Mrs. C. M. Cooke and Mrs. Henry Waterhouse began planning for the parking of Ala Plaza and they have been most indefatigable in their efforts to get a central parking in this bare hot spot. The plan that is now being carried out is to have a large triangular parking in the center of this space, grassed and planted with suitable trees, probably monkey pod, for shade. Mrs. Waterhouse has this week planted thirty-one monkey pod trees on the sidewalks about this plaza. A beautiful fountain has been promised for the plaza and it will be a great ornament to the park. Mrs. Waterhouse has worked early and late to get the ugly pole in the center of the street removed to one side. This pole carries wires belonging to the Rapid Transit Company, the Hawaiian Electric Company, the Mutual Telephone Company and the Government Electric Light Company. If these companies will move these wires to either side, Mr. Frazee of the Government Electric Light Company, will put two ornamental iron poles with suitable lights in place of this huge wooden pole.

"In March the subject of reducing the width of Kalakaua avenue was brought before the public by the supervisors. This was done to lessen the cost of maintenance of the road, which is really much wider than the traffic of the road demands. Two plans were submitted by the supervisors, one was to increase the width of the sidewalks, the other to put a parking twelve feet wide through the center. It was estimated by Mr. Waterhouse that this parking would reduce the upkeep of the road one thousand dollars a year.

"It was finally decided to use the parking down the center for one mile, to the point where the Rapid Transit enters the avenue. The prisoners can be used to take proper care of the central parking, to water the grass and trees to be planted there. They could not be used to keep up the wider sidewalks, or in fact any sidewalks. As almost all the landlords took no interest whatever in this road and in the sidewalks in front of their property, every one felt it would be worse than useless to increase the width of the sidewalk.

**Mahogany for Kalakaua.**

"Upon Mr. Hosmer's recommendation, the mahogany tree, the sylvia mahogany of South Africa, was selected to plant in the central parking, fifty feet apart. Cocoanuts were planted by Mrs. Sherman and myself along the property lines in May. Oleanders in groups or clumps are to be planted between these cocoanuts as soon as the rains come. Mr. S. M. Lamson is giving us a great many oleanders from his nursery at Moanalua. Mr. Hunn is also rooting them for us at the federal station back of Punchbowl. Miss Ward, Mrs. Charles Atherton, Mrs. Soper, Mrs. T. J. King, Mrs. Sherman and many others are supplying oleanders for this work.

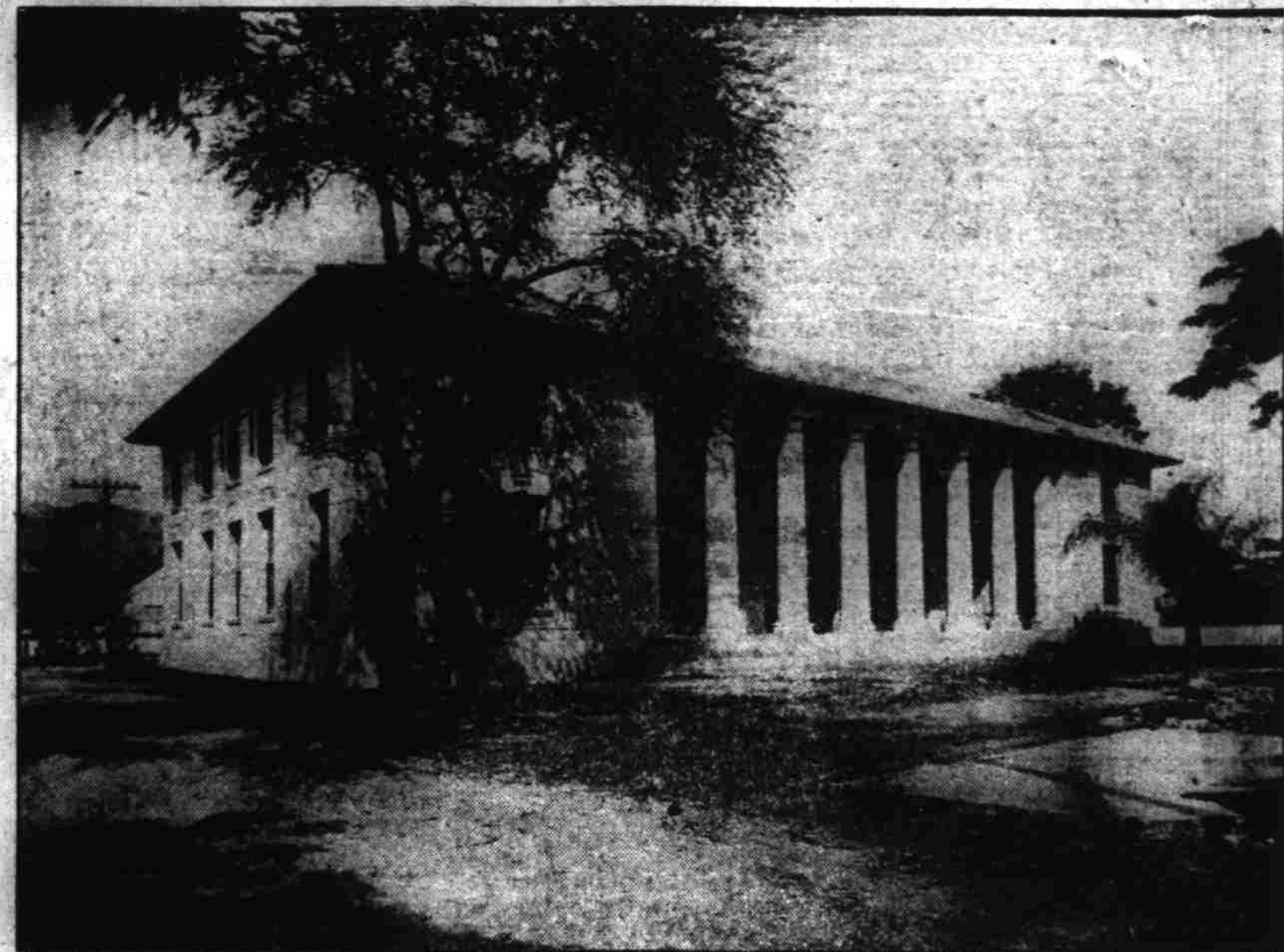
"By the use of these oleanders we hope to hide the swamp land and the poorly kept lands from public view. Mrs. Sherman has been a most splendid worker on this scheme and too much credit cannot be given to her for the success of this plan. Many of the Walkiki residents are urging the changing from Kalakaua avenue back to the old name, Walkiki road, whose usefulness is this—to bring this request before the public?

"In April neighborhood circles were formed throughout the city, the chairman of each circle naming her own committee to suit her particular district. This resulted in a placing more than one hundred in touch with the work and created tremendous interest. Our aim has been to plant shade trees on our streets, remove old fences and plant hibiscus hedges. Trim scraggly trees and shrubs, clean up sidewalks, urge concrete sidewalks where possible and urge the curbing of sidewalks.

"Make Honolulu a hibiscus city so that in 1915 Honolulu may blossom like the rose. New committees are being formed constantly. The Palace square committee has for its chairman, Mrs. A. Lewis Jr., with Mrs. E. A. Mott-Smith. The waterfront committee has Mrs. Willard E. Brown for chairman with Mrs. J. A. Kennedy.

There has been very little tree planting this summer, but now that the rains are surely upon us, we hope for great activity along this line. Mrs. J. A. Gilman has succeeded in planting Wilder avenue with poinciana

SPRIT OF LOFTY ACHIEVEMENT REFLECTED IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN HONOLULU



Carnegie Library, built in 1912 and to be thrown open to patrons about the first of February, 1913.

rogia trees and these trees are flourishing.

"The Japanese residents are taking a very great interest in tree planting. Mr. Sheba reports that hundreds of trees are being supplied from the government nursery through his office to these residents. Rev. Mr. Hori, of the Nuuanu church, is helping us greatly in his district in regard to removing old fences, planting hedges, etc.

"I must refer to W. A. Bryan's letter which urged the appointing of a landscape gardener or a city planner, as he would be called aboard. We feel the need of such a head for all the civic improvement work in Honolulu. If such a man could be placed at the head of all work for civic betterment, Honolulu would take leaps and bounds toward the beautiful, sanitary city that it is our right and duty to hope for.

"Germany, of all the world, has such men. Berlin has a permanent school where such men are trained. Another school is in Dusseldorf. In these not some one who loves Honolulu enough to give this city for a space of a few years the services of a trained man? With the aid of such a man, Honolulu would soon stand where she ought to, the most beautiful city in the world. This is not all we have to suggest. But we want an expert planner, a man who would come here to study the city, who would come to stay long enough to see his plans carried out.

"We are now trying to interest the residents of Anwaialani district to take advantage of their opportunities and improve their district. We are planning with Mr. Canavaro an evening in the Portuguese clubhouse on Ala Plaza to which all residents will be invited. We will show them pictures (with a lantern) of beautiful streets, parks, trees, etc., talk to them about painting their homes, the use of a low, inconspicuous fence hedge planting and the use of many vines. They can make this district as beautiful as their own Madeira and Azores Islands.

### Queen Emma Park.

"Mrs. C. S. Holloway is chairman of the Queen Emma Park committee. She has named the following ladies for her committee: Mrs. Klebahn, Mrs. Henriques, Mrs. Wm. Mutch and Mrs. Henry Wright. They are studying the possibilities of this park. At present some prisoners are clearing away the debris from the park, grading the front down the street, replacing some old trees with kukui and Koa trees under Mr. Haugh's supervision. Mrs. Holloway has interested a large number of Hawaiian ladies in the plans and from Kalia goes a circle of Hawaiian women to look after the park one day a week. From Palama goes a second circle and from Makiki goes the third circle every week.

"Mrs. Holloway would like to put the old home in repair, to use it for a tea room, putting a responsible woman in charge who could serve tea or soda water to those who might use the place as a picnic ground. We would like a great collection of begonias and a great collection of all ferns. Tourists are constantly asking for a sight of the wonderful island ferns and there is no public collection to show.

"All over town the neighborhood circles are planning the fall planting of trees and several streets are under way at present. Mrs. Albert Taylor is very busy with her streets. She is helping some Japanese residents plant a section high up in the hills above Upper Manoa road. They are using cassia nodosa and jacaranda, and they plan a very beautiful Japanese village along purely Japanese lines.

"So our work goes on, far beyond our dreams. Let us give all the time we can for it must be done thoughtfully and carefully, always consulting Mr. Haugh and Mr. Hosmer and the gentlemen in the other experiment stations.

"Just a few thoughts to close with. Our gardens are too crowded and cluttered.

"Our hedges are too bare and glaring.

"Our sidewalks are notoriously bad or wanting altogether.

"Let us at once remove all old fences, plant hedges, plant shade trees in the streets, clean our sidewalks, lay



Administration Building, College of Hawaii. The cornerstone of this building was laid January 22, 1912, and is now in regular use by the college.

### PALAMA SETTLEMENT CLOSES TWELVE MONTHS OF GENERAL PROGRESS

"The year which has just passed has been one of the greatest in the history of the Palama Settlement in Honolulu," said James A. Rath, in speaking of the success which that institution has met with during the last year. "We close the season with a large amount of work accomplished, and many of the wants which we have long felt have been filled. We are now housed in a handsome new structure, and our different departments have been increased so that we may broaden our scope and accomplish even more next year than we have done during the season of 1912."

The first big undertaking of the Palama Settlement last year was the holding in February of a public welfare exhibit in the large gymnasium. Here there were exhibits from the board of health, the schools and many of the larger organizations throughout the city. The exhibit attracted considerable attention and over six thousand people attended during the five days which it was held. Another feature of the settlement has been the summer work. Early in the summer clubs were organized and school was held at the settlement. A series of educational classes were started which taught manual training, commercial subjects, sewing and a variety of others. Under the direction of physical director Dana, athletic contests and classes in the gymnasium have been held throughout the summer, and these will be renewed with increased after the first of the year.

The Palama Improvement Club which was started about five months ago, and of which Harry Auld is president, has now sufficient members to be entitled to send five delegates, including the president, to the Central Improvement Committee. The sanitary condition, as well as the lights and the roads of the Palama district, have needed attending to for some time, and it was with this end in view that the club was started.

Many new improvements will be taken up by the club with the new board of supervisors. Sufficient money has now been raised for the erection of a new Punchbowl dispensary on the grounds of the Royal School. The old dispensary was torn down some time ago, and since that the settlement has been looking for a suitable piece of ground on which to erect the new one. This was finally given them on the grounds of the Royal School, and the work on the new building will commence soon after the first of the New Year.

At a cost of over nine thousand dollars, a handsome new house has been erected at the settlement during the last three months, and has been given over as the residence of headworker Rath, quarters for the head resident nurse, and several clubrooms. The entire basement contains the dispensary, rest room, storerooms, and nurses rooms. During the past year thousands of cases have been treated there, and the great amount of work on hand made it necessary for the enlargement of this department. An expert head nurse was recently engaged from the mainland, and is now engaged in active work in connection with the settlement. There are also eight other nurses working under her direction.

The work of the year was wound up with a huge Christmas shop, which lasted for two days, and finally the entertainment and celebration on Christmas eve. Thousands of youngsters from the Palama district and other parts of the city attended both, and each one was remembered with a gift of some kind. Mr. Rath's is more than pleased with the work which has been accomplished during the past year, and it is his opinion that, with the various organizations, which were started in 1912, running at full blast, the season of 1913 will be even more successful.

The Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association on January 5 announced a new wage scale applicable to all island plantations, the new scale being \$20 per month for all ordinary day labor, together with a sliding scale bonus system based on the price of sugar. The new scale means millions of dollars disbursed to plantation workers under what is practically a profit-sharing system.

## Inter-Church Federation Broadens Religious Work

The Inter-Church Federation was the outgrowth and probably the most important result of the Christian Extension Movement, which was a co-operative evangelist effort in which the five English-speaking churches on Honolulu united during the latter part of March, 1912. This experiment in union work was so satisfactory to the five churches that, after the Christian Extension Movement was over, they decided to continue the combination and on May 3, constituted themselves, by the vote of the five churches, a local chapter affiliated with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ of America.

The meetings in the Bijou theatre which were held during the Christian Extension Movement, demonstrated the popularity of such a series of Sunday night meetings, and when the Inter-Church Federation was organized there was at once appointed a Christian Extension committee to plan for the continuation of these popular meetings, the time chosen being the first Sunday of every month. The Bijou theatre meetings, as they are called, have been largely attended, the smallest congregation being not less than seven hundred persons and the largest probably in the neighborhood of one thousand two hundred. The chief value of these meetings is that they are attended principally by

non-church-going people, and in this way the gospel reaches many who hear it in no other way. The collections taken at each meeting have been just about sufficient to cover the large expenses such as the renting of the theatre, lights, etc. No one in connection with the Inter-Church Federation receives any remuneration for his services at these meetings.

The Inter-Church Federation is a voluntary organization and the officers are at present as follows: Rt. Rev. Henry B. Restarick, Bishop of Honolulu, president; F. J. Lowrey, president of Lawers & Cooke, vice president; W. G. Hall, secretary of Cotton, Neill, secretary; Richard M. Treat, president of the Trust Trust Company, treasurer; and Paul Super, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, executive secretary. These officers represent the four denominations cooperating in the Inter-Church Federation, while Mr. Super was selected to represent an interdenominational organization. The chief committees are Christian Extension and Social Service, of which A. A. Ebersole and James A. Rath are chairmen respectively.

One of the chief achievements to date of the Inter-Church Federation is the agitation against the excesses which have been committed against women and young girls, and which resulted in a monster mass meeting held in December, at the Bijou theatre, and organization of the subsequent committees to follow up the declaration of that meeting. The Inter-Church Federation is a practical demonstrator of the church at work for the social as well as the religious welfare of the city. It is an expression of the present-day belief that the church is a vital social mission and that in unity there is strength.

The big undertaking of this Federation was the declaration made by those connected with it during the summer to reproduce in Honolulu one of the great Men and Religion campaigns which were held on the mainland last year. The well-known newspaper correspondent, W. T. Little of the Philadelphia Ledger, said of the Men and Religion Forward Movement that its results were worth more than the results of a presidential election. This is a strong statement but it has been more than justified by the results shown in many cities and opinions expressed by the secular as well as the religious press.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement in Honolulu will be in the form of an eight-day institute on the modern methods of religious work. The two chief figures in the campaign will be Fred B. Smith of New York City, the greatest speaker to men in the world today, and Raymond Robins, of Chicago, a social worker who has recently come into national prominence. These men will conduct one of the most forceful, startling and inspiring religious gatherings that Honolulu has even experienced. Two men on the street will think and talk about religion more than has ever been thought of doing. Doubtless the most interesting feature of the campaign is the rare emphasis on social service. Social service is just a technical way of saying that religion is a week-day job, and has more to do with buying and selling, building, living and square deals, than it has to do with ladies' aid societies and nice parties for children. As Fred B. Smith has put it "It has made religion a job for a big human."

Secretary Super, of the Young Men's Christian Association, has just received a letter from a Honolulu boy, who is in college in the states, in which he tells of Raymond Robins in his university, and in which he speaks of the wonderful effects of his preaching. "I have heard great men speak here at the university," reads the letter. "Bryan, La Follette, Wilson, Abbott, Matthews and the like, but never before have I been so moved, not even by Bryan, as I was by Raymond Robins. No doubt you are familiar with the name. How I wish he could speak to the students of Honolulu."

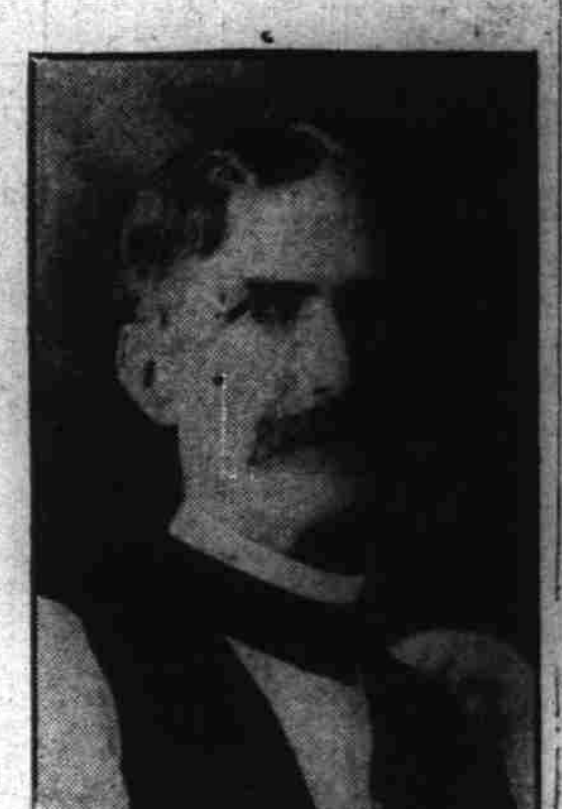
The Men and Religion team will arrive in Honolulu on January 23 and remain until January 30, speaking every afternoon and evening in addition to Sunday morning. Accompanying the team is the famous International Quartet which will sing and take part in the services. This organization has been together for the past fifteen years and their ensemble is of a high order. This is a great opportunity for Honolulu—a wonderful opportunity. It is difficult to get people to appreciate in advance what a great thing this can be. One thing is certain, however, and that is that after the team has left Honolulu the names of Fred B. Smith and Raymond Robins will be by-words and the word religion will have a bigger and a manlier significance in this city than it has even had before.

this, of course, is private information. The association is making good and gives every promise of doing so increasingly.

### MISSION WORK SHOWS SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD

Work among the various missions of Honolulu has increased rapidly during the last year, and those directly connected with this work are of the opinion that the work which will be accomplished during the coming year will be still greater.

In speaking of the work done by the missions during the past year, Bishop Hughes, who presided at the annual meeting of the Hawaiian



RT. REV. BISHOP HENRY B. RESTARICK, President Inter-Church Federation.

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at ten o'clock in the evening. There is the Busy Men's class at noon, and some of the members come oftener than the two days on which the class is held. The Junior A and the Junior B classes are composed of grammar school students who come early in the afternoon after school is out. In the evening there are classes for the employed members of the association, games and team practice in the games hall and handball in the two courts. The two fine tennis courts on the corner of Alakea and Richards streets have just been resurfaced and are in splendid condition.

This fall 217 men and boys have made use of the privileges of the association and a continuous stream of from twenty-five to eighty a day for the past year have been building up mind and body and morals in the physical department.

"It has been a successful year," was the statement made by general secretary Paul Super. "I am mighty well pleased with the condition of the association. It takes a lot of money, and we have to hustle for it, but any man who has put money into it can certainly be shown that this investment is producing results. I wish that I could tell of some of the special features of the association that have been of special service to men, but

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